

## FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes"</b>	<b>2:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening</b>

**\*\*MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT CLOSE VOTES ARE EXPECTED TODAY, INCLUDING POTENTIAL VOTES ON AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 4923 – ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015, RELATING TO PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (PLAs) AND DAVIS-BACON. ANY EXPECTED ABSENCES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE WHIP’S OFFICE AT x5-3130.**

**\*\*Members are also advised that the GOP Leadership has announced that votes will occur after 7:00 p.m. when the House is considering Appropriations bills, therefore the House may be voting late into the evening today.**

**H.Res. 661 – Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 5016 – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations, 2015 (Rep. Crenshaw – Appropriations) and H.R. 4718 – To Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Modify and Make Permanent Bonus Depreciation (Rep. Tiberi – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate).** The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of two bills.

For [H.R. 5016](#), the Rules Committee has recommended a modified open Rule that allows any amendments that comply with House Rules to be considered. The Rule provides for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows any Member to submit an amendment that complies with the House Rules, but only provides for 10 minutes of debate per amendment equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and does not permit unlimited pro forma amendments. Lastly, the Rule provides up to 10 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate offered by the Chair and Ranking Member or their designee and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

For [H.R. 4718](#), the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways & Means. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to consider both bills under an open Rule. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Complete Consideration of [H.R. 4923](#) – Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Simpson – Appropriations).** H.R. 4923 appropriates \$34 billion in FY 2015 discretionary budget authority for the Department of Energy and federal water projects – a decrease of approximately \$50 million from FY 2014, but \$327 million above the President’s request.

The measure increases funding for the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, but cuts funding for fossil fuels and alternative energy programs and nuclear energy research and development. Funding would also be reduced for advanced energy research, environmental cleanup activities, nuclear non-proliferation programs, and most renewable energy programs. The bill also includes numerous controversial policy riders, including two that hinder the Corps of Engineers ability to prevent water pollution and one allowing guns to be carried on all Corps of Engineers lands.

Republicans are developing this year's spending bills based on the \$1.014 trillion discretionary spending cap and the 302(a) discretionary allocations agreed to in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement. By setting the Appropriations Committee's allocation in-line with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, House Republicans were able to begin the appropriations process early. However, House Republicans have chosen to focus on inserting controversial policy riders into several appropriations bills, slowing down the process and jeopardizing enactment of all twelve appropriations bills before the start of the 2015 fiscal year.

The Rule, which was adopted on June 25, 2014, provides for no further general debate and makes in order any amendment offered that complies with the House Rules. Additionally, the Rule provides for 10 minutes of debate per amendment equally divided between the proponent and an opponent and up to 10 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate offered by the Chair and Ranking Member or their designee.

As of last night, the House had completed reading through all titles of the bill. The House will begin debating amendments at the end of the bill today.

The following amendments had recorded votes pending as of last night:

- **McClintock Amendment**
- **Bonamici Amendment**
- **Speier Amendment**
- **Titus Amendment #15**
- **Schiff Amendment**
- **Quigley Amendment**
- **Chabot Amendment**
- **Titus Amendment #14**

***Bill Text for H.R. 4923:***

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***Background for H.R. 4923:***

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## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, July 11: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider H.R. 4718 – To Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Modify and Make Permanent Bonus Depreciation (Rep. Tiberi – Ways and Means).

### **The Daily Quote**

"Lawmakers are under pressure to refill the Highway Trust Fund...or risk losing thousands of construction jobs that could set back recent job growth. The Department of Transportation has warned that allowing the Highway Trust Fund to go broke would cost the U.S. about 700,000 jobs — more than twice the 288,000 that were created last month, according to a jobs report celebrated by the administration. The agency has said that it will have to begin cutting back payments to state and local governments next month adding to the uncertainty unless Congress prevents the fund that pays for road and transit projects from running out of money, which is predicted to occur at the end of August. Those cuts could leave drivers facing congested or damaged roads... Transportation advocates are calling for quick action to break the stalemate and avoid jeopardizing employment growth. 'The job market is steadily improving but the threat that Congress will let the Highway Trust Fund go bankrupt looms large,' BlueGreen Alliance Executive Director Kim Glas said in a statement on Thursday. 'Despite months of debate, lawmakers have failed to act,' Glas continued. 'They're putting thousands of jobs on the line...It's time we let construction workers, manufacturers and small businesses get to the work of revitalizing America's infrastructure systems — especially during the height of construction season — without Congress mucking it up,' she said."

- The Hill, 7/7/2014